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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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Week ending October 10, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 10, 2010**. Another week without rain has allowed many farmers to finish up their fields. Producers across the state reported they have completed harvesting, but the drought hardened ground has made digging peanuts and sweet potatoes difficult. Fall plantings are also slowed, and those farmers with seed in the ground are waiting for some precipitation for germination. Soil moisture was rated 50 percent very short, 45 percent short, and 5 adequate.

Crop progress for week ending October 10, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	100	100	85	96
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	90	97
Cotton, harvested	86	71	2	46
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	99	98	97	98
Peanuts, harvested	65	40	2	29
Rice, harvested	98	95	48	84
Sorghum, harvested	100	100	60	89
Soybeans, turning color	100	99	96	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	98	95	80	94
Soybeans, harvested	90	77	43	77
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	85	72	26	60
Winter Wheat, planted	12	10	1	6
Winter Wheat, emerged	7	5	0	2

Crop condition for week ending October 10, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Livestock	6	22	40	31	1
Pasture	58	26	11	4	1
Peanuts	0	0	12	50	38

## Comments

- “Growers have harvested about everything. Now, they are doing some fall tillage work and planting wheat.”  
— Don Respass, Coahoma
- “Harvest is winding down with cotton basically done and a few soybeans are left. Spring grazing planting has not started since, as one farmer put it, "the ground is so hard it would tear-up a no-till drill.”  
— Stephen Winters, Grenada
- “Cotton harvest is moving along at a brisk pace. Fall field work is way ahead of a normal year.”  
— Lester Stephens, Washington
- “While present dry conditions are good for harvesting most crops, other activities are being negatively affected. The danger of fire has increased, and the establishment of cool season forage crops has been delayed. Some fields are too dry for soil sampling, and the harvest of peanuts has become difficult.”  
— Ernie Flint, Attala
- “Extremely dry conditions have allowed soybean harvest to proceed at a rapid rate. Winter pasture preparations have been slowed by lack of moisture. Some producers are feeding hay. We really need a significant rain fall, hopefully we will get one this week.”  
— Richard Hay, Amite
- “Cotton harvest is proceeding well. The dry weather is a blessing as far as the harvest of crops. Pastures and cattle are hurting, as well as the winter forages that have been planted. The seeds are sitting there and, in most cases, don't have enough moisture to germinate. The cotton yields look good, but we will see what the final tally looks like. Soybean yields look good as well. Most of the farmers have almost completed their harvests. We have a few areas still harvesting and these farmers are running machines as fast as they can and still be safe. We see rain in the future and we want to be finished when it arrives.”  
— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Most crops have been harvested and growers are pleased with the yields.”  
— Don Respass, Quitman

“It is very dry. The ground is too hard to harvest peanuts and sweet potatoes. The cotton harvest is coming along well.”  
— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“Dry weather continues to persist in the county. The soybean and cotton harvests are in full swing.”  
— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Our growers have been blessed with a good harvest season. With rare exceptions all harvest activities have come to a close. Good progress has been made with fall applications of fertilizer and lime. Fall tillage work, including sub-soiling activities, is drawing near completion for most growers.”  
— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“It is very dry! Row crop harvest continues at a rapid pace in the dusty conditions. The exact opposite of last harvest season.”  
— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Drought conditions experienced over the last two months have made a negative impact on grazing lands, corn, soybean, and peanut yields.”  
— Scott Cagle, Chickasaw

“Extremely dry conditions have stunted pasture and hay growth. The last significant rainfall was in mid-August. Ponds and water levels are down.”  
— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

“Extremely dry conditions persist. Some producers are gambling and planting cool season forages. The cotton and peanut harvests are complete, and the soybean harvest should be complete this week.”  
— Shelby Bearden, Copiah

“Many producers have ryegrass seed in and really need some rain.”  
— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Prolonged dry conditions are damaging trees and shrubs in non-irrigated landscapes.”  
— Patty Swearingen, Lauderdale

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 10, 2010									
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	91	41	64	67	-3	0.00	-0.59	0	0.45
Cleveland	93	41	63	69	-6	0.00	-0.66	0	0.01
Lambert 1W	94	37	64			0.00	-0.63	0	0.53
Tunica 2N	95	41	64	66	-2	0.00	-0.64	0	0.00
Extreme/Average	95	37	64	67	-3	0.00	-0.63	0	0.25
<b>North-Central</b>									
Batesville 2SW	90	38	62	65	-3	0.00	-0.70	0	0.05
Hickory Flat	90	33	58	64	-6	0.00	-0.70	0	0.83
Holly Springs	90	30	59	63	-4	0.00	-0.77	0	0.48
Independence	88	34	59	65	-6	0.00	-0.64	0	0.30
Oxford	90	36	61	64	-3	0.00	-0.77	0	0.39
Extreme/Average	90	30	60	65	-5	0.00	-0.71	0	0.41
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	88	38	60	64	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	0.87
Corinth 7SW	87	36	59	66	-7	0.00	-0.71	0	2.00
Pontotoc Exp	88	39	60	66	-6	0.00	-0.77	0	0.22
Tupelo 2	88	41	62			0.00	0.00	0	0.91
Verona	90	38	61	65	-4	0.00	-0.69	0	0.25
Extreme/Average	90	36	60	65	-5	0.00	-0.74	0	0.85
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	91	41	62	68	-6	0.00	-0.77	0	0.31
Moorhead	93	44	65	69	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	0.01
Rolling Fork	94	39	64	68	-4	0.00	-0.83	0	0.32
Stoneville Exp	94	40	64	68	-4	0.00	-0.70	0	0.36
Yazoo City	92	40	64	69	-5	0.00	-0.83	0	0.00
Extreme/Average	94	39	64	68	-4	0.00	-0.77	0	0.25
<b>Central</b>									
Canton 4N	93	34	61	68	-7	0.00	-0.70	0	0.13
Forest 3S	89	33	59	67	-8	0.00	-0.77	0	0.09
Kosciusko	90	40	63	67	-4	0.00	-0.77	0	0.30
Winona 5E	90	36	60	63	-3	0.00	-0.70	0	0.22
Extreme/Average	93	33	61	67	-6	0.00	-0.72	0	0.19
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	87	38	61	66	-5	0.00	-0.84	0	0.16
Columbus	91	36	63	67	-4	0.00	-0.66	0	0.16
Louisville	91	41	61	66	-5	0.00	-0.77	0	0.31
Macon	88	38	61	66	-5	0.00	-0.63	0	0.84
State University	92	40	63	66	-3	0.00	-0.70	0	0.34
Extreme/Average	92	36	62	66	-4	0.00	-0.71	0	0.22
<b>Southwest</b>									
Crystal Springs	93	44	65	69	-4	0.00	-0.77	0	0.00
Oakley Exp	85	36	58	67	-9	0.00	-0.70	0	0.00
Natchez	90	36	60	70	-10	0.00	-0.84	0	0.35
Port Gibson 1NE	90	37	61	66	-5	0.00	-0.77	0	0.58
Vicksburg	92	37	62			0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Extreme/Average	93	36	61	69	-8	0.00	-0.77	0	0.23
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	90	39	62	68	-6	0.00	-0.78	0	0.00
Columbia	86	40	60	69	-9	0.00	-0.77	0	0.05
Monticello	94	39	63	68	-5	0.00	-0.77	0	0.02
Raleigh 6N	86	35	57			0.00	0.00	0	0.34
Tylertown 5ESE	91	37	63	70	-7	0.00	-0.84	0	0.04
Extreme/Average	94	35	61	69	-8	0.00	-0.77	0	0.10
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	91	46	65	69	-4	0.00	-0.76	0	0.62
Laurel	91	40	62	68	-6	0.00	-0.72	0	0.00
Waynesboro 2W	92	37	62	67	-5	0.00	-0.66	0	0.01
Extreme/Average	92	37	63	68	-5	0.00	-0.71	0	0.21
<b>State</b>	95	30	62	67	-5	0.00	-0.72	0	0.28

DFN = Departure from Normal.